Appl. No. 09/837,004

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**AMENDMENT** 

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Dear Sir:

December 4, 2003:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) dated June 30, 2004, please enter the following as addendum to the response filed

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) in the aboveidentified application.

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.

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